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1. THOUGH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH THE HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION GIVEN THEIR NEWLY ARRIVED CHARGE, RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA REMAIN DIFFICULT. THE GERMANS HAVE STILL NOT SEEN ANY CONCRETE SIGN THAT THE EPMG IS PREPARED TO RESUME A CONSTRUCTIVE, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP. IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR SIGNAL, THE GERMANS ARE NOT WILLING TO UPGRADE RELATIONS TO AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL OR CONSIDER THE INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR AID PROGRAM.

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2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONTINUES TO SEE A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL ISSUE AS THE TOUCHSTONE OF RELATIONS. THE GERMANS ARE NOT DEMANDING A RETURN OF THE SCHOOL BUT THEY DO INSIST THAT THE EPMG PERMIT TEACHING TO BE RESUMED IN A FACILITY OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY GROUNDS. ALSO, THAT CONFISCATED TEACHING MATERIALS AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OF STAFF MEMBERS BE RETURNED. ACCORDING

TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE SATISFYING OF THESE RATHER
MINOR REQUIREMENTS WOULD SUFFICE AS THE GESTURE BONN
IS SEEKING.

3. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT CONFIRMED THAT THE
ETHIOPIANS HAD SUGGESTED A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
AT THE UNGA (PARA 3, REF A). HE SAID THE WORKING LEVEL
WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A MEETING BUT THAT THE QUESTION HAD
NOT BEEN FOCUSED UPON.
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